First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

May 28, 2023
10:00 am

Pentecost

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL — **MARGARET HARNER**

PRELUDE — ***Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud** — **JOSHUA CANTANIA**

"Shall We Gather at the River"
By, Robert Lowry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — **MARGARET HARNER**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- The Zoom Host and Greeter is **Donna Eyster** who will introduce folks participating in worship.
- Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
- Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Come to the Waters"
3 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Responsive — **MARGARET HARNER**

Leader: God speaks to us
People: In the riches of creation.
Leader: God speaks to us
People: In the stories of Jesus.
Leader: God speaks to us
People: In the lives of other people.
Leader: God speaks to us
People: In words and ways we can understand.

HYMN — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"This Is the Day"
84 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING — **Acts 2:1-21** — **REV. JEANETTE**

SECOND READING — **Holy Spirit Meditation** — **MARGARET HARNER**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us"
267 NCH

MESSAGE **"The Surprising Thing About Pentecost"** **REV. JEANETTE**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording

*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording

Use this moment of silence to offer your own prayers.

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted

Holy Spirit, Fire, you warm our hearts with love.
We know you are here, guiding us to love, kindness, and patience.
We feel your presence calling us to embody your presence to others.

Holy Spirit, Fire, you burn in our hearts with love for all.
You reveal to us your insistent desire for justice and compassion.
You won't let us ignore anyone who is broken-hearted,
Hungry or cold, for they are the familiar person of Jesus to you.

Holy Spirit, Fire, you ignite our hearts with truth and beauty.
You who hovered over the face of the deep at the dawn of the world,
You call us to participate in creation by making something new,
As a reflection of your image in our lives.

Holy Spirit, Fire, you warm and ignite us for serving in love. Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **REV. JEANETTE**

God has given us food in due season, opening a kind and loving hand to fill us with good things.
The face of the ground is continually renewed each year so we can reap its bounty.
Likewise, our spirits are renewed. Our offerings are but a small expression of thanks.

Today, with our regular offering, we receive the Strengthen the Church special offering.

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: **Link to Tithe.ly**

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Softly and Tenderly"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
By, Will Lamartine Thompson

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v 2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
*Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief***.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **MARGARET HARNER**

Your spirit comes, and we are lifted up, linked to one another.
We bring our offerings as an expression of thanksgiving for all your gifts. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Joys Are Flowing Like a River"
284 NCH

BENEDICTION *Microphone muted *Unison **REV. JEANETTE**

As we go from this place,
May we know your love found expression in the most vulnerable of human form:
guide us, sustain us, and empower us to love. Amen.

POSTLUDE **"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"** **JOSHUA CANTANIA**
By, Ignaz Franz

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual Zoom Friendship Time.

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Jeanette Sherrill, Bringing the Message
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Cantania, Accompanist
Jenn Zibbell, MID
Margaret Harner, Worship Leader
Donna Eyster, Zoom Host
Marty Kleino, Bell Ringer

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- **Second Reading:** Carol Dixon in *Fire and Bread, ed by Ruth Burgess* (adapted)
- **Message:** Thom M. Shuman in *Fire and Bread,* ed by Ruth Burgess (adapted)
- **Disciples Prayer:** Karen Pryznyk in *Gathering* , United Church of Canada (adapted)
- **Offering Invitation, Prayer of Dedication:** Lavon Baylor in *Led by Love* (adapted)
- **Hymn Profiles:** *New Century Hymnal Companion,* Pilgrim Press (1999).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Donna Eyster, 734-780-5857.

Worship Next Week: Zoom Host/Greeter, Donna Eyster; Bringing the Message, Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown; Patty Sherwood, Worship Leader

Church Council will meet with **Rev. Cheryl Burke, Michigan Conference UCC Associate Minister on Thursday, June 8**, **7:00 PM** on Zoom. Rev Cheryl will help us chart our course forward in these uncertain times. **All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

Looking ahead:

- **June 4th –** Rev.Dan Kidder-McQuown will be preaching. Thank you, Dan.
- **June 11th –** Rev. Jay Cummings will be with us again. Jay has filled the pulpit periodically over many years and between pastoral leadership.
- **June 18th –** We welcome Rev. John Rohde who will bring the message. John, now retired, is a former pastor of this faith community and a longtime supporter of this congregation.

It takes a village…….

Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and revitalization of existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. **We will receive the STC Offering today. Please designate on your check or on your Tithe.ly the amount you are contributing to Strength the Church.**

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS AND TEA FOR THE SOUL

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

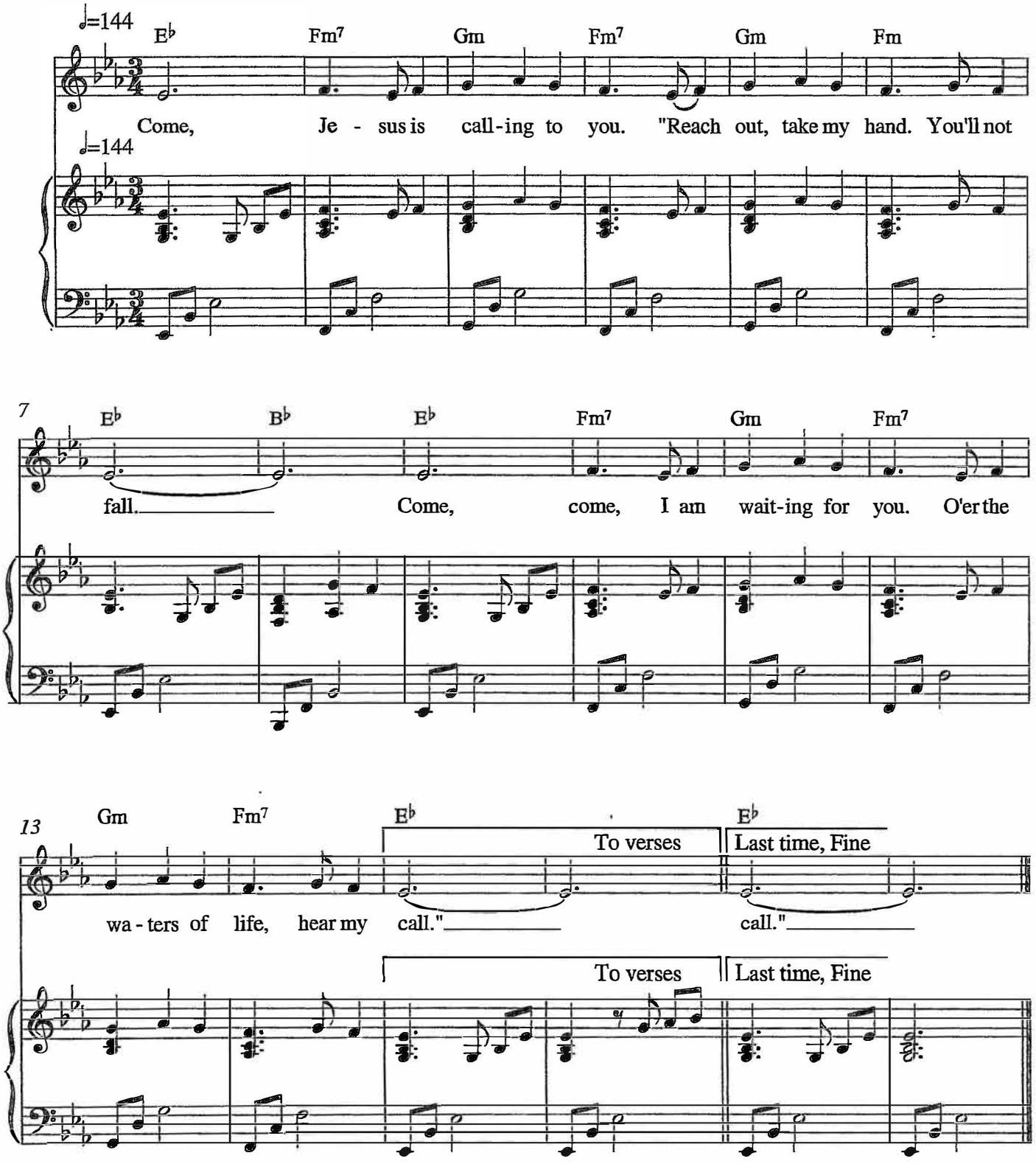
WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Come to the Waters

♩=144
E♭ Fm7 Gm Fm7 Gm Fm
Come, Je - sus is call-ing to you. "Reach out, take my hand. You'll not
♩=144
7
E♭ B♭ E♭ Fm7 Gm Fm7
fall. Come, come, I am wait-ing for you. O'er the
13
Gm Fm7 E♭ E♭
To verses Last time, Fine
wa - ters of life, hear my call." call."
To verses Last time, Fine

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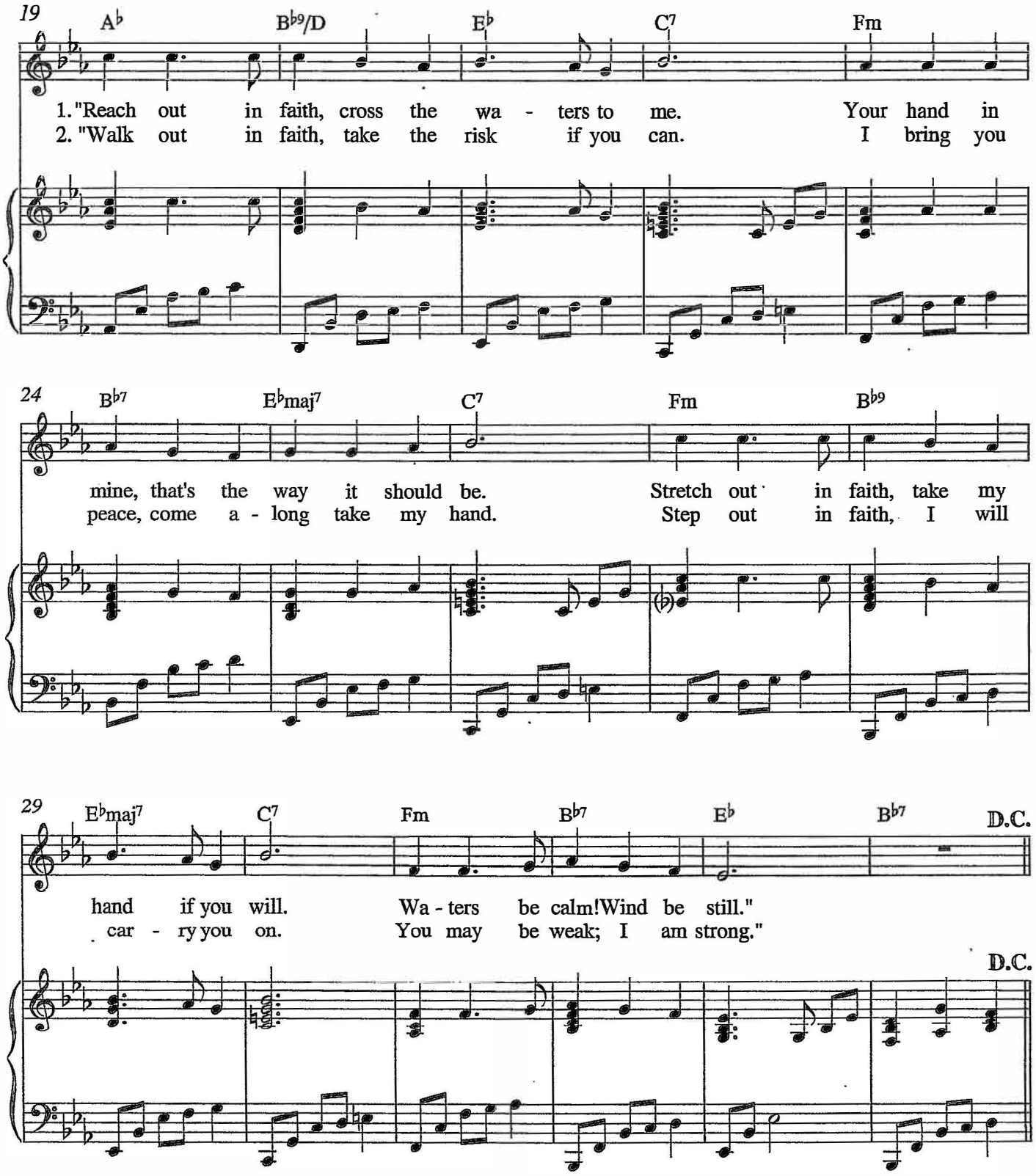
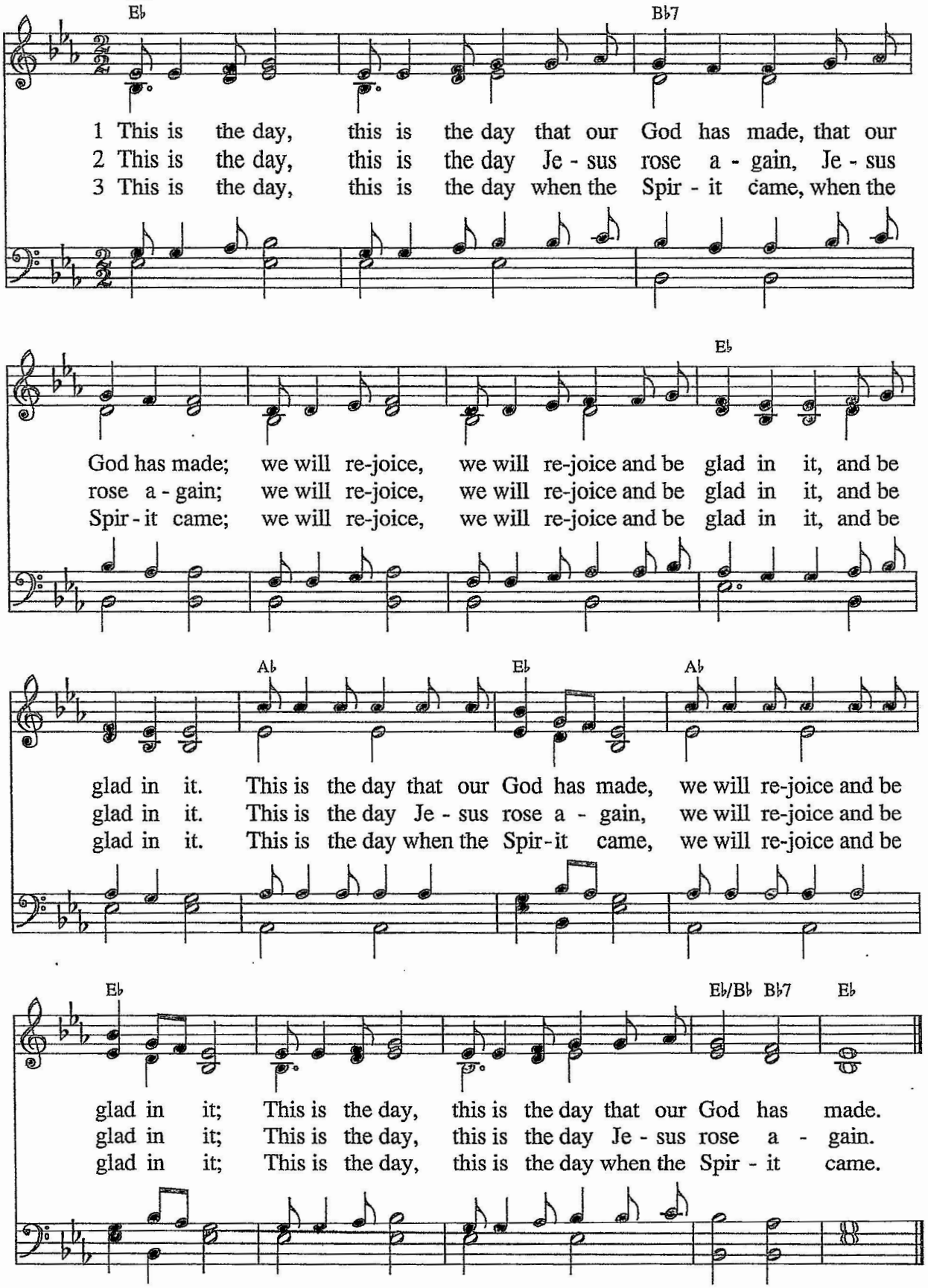

19
A♭
B♭9/D
E♭
C7
Fm
1. "Reach out in faith, cross the wa - ters to me. Your hand in
2. "Walk out in faith, take the risk if you can. I bring you
24
B♭7
E♭maj7
C7
Fm
B♭9
mine, that's the way it should be. Stretch out in faith, take my
peace, come a - long take my hand. Step out in faith, I will
29
E♭maj7
C7
Fm
B♭7
E♭
B♭7
D.C.
hand if you will. Wa - ters be calm! Wind be still."
car - ry you on. You may be weak; I am strong."
D.C.

84 This Is the Day

Ps. 118:24; Luke 24:1–7; Acts 2:1–4

St. 1 paraphr. by Les Garrett, 1967; alt.
St. 2–3, traditional; alt.

Unison

E♭
B♭7
1 This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
2 This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the
E♭
God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
Spir - it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
A♭
E♭
A♭
glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be
E♭
E♭/B♭ B♭7
E♭
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

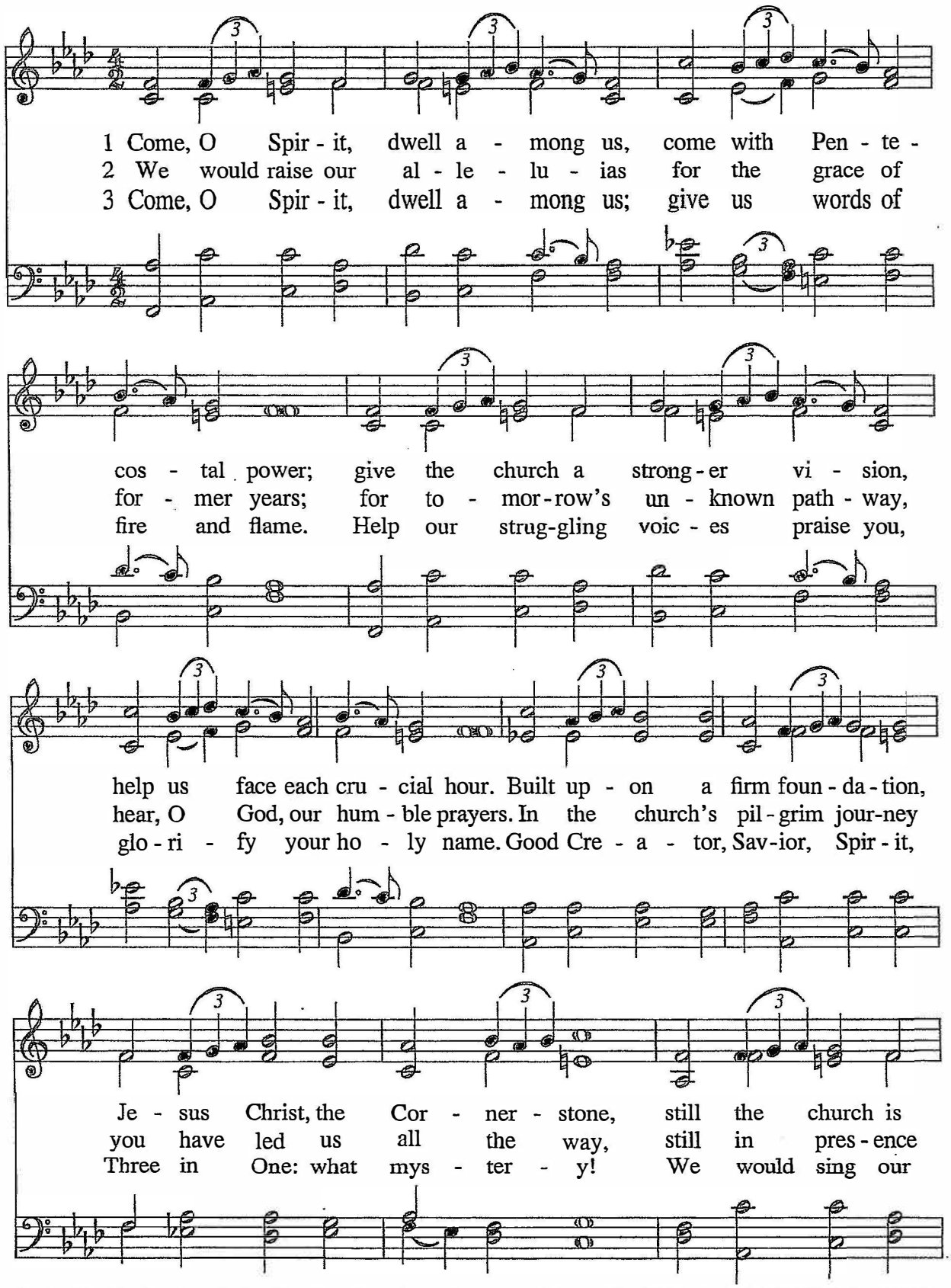
The first stanza of this hymn was written by Leslie Garrett, who was born in New Zealand and served as pastor of a church in western Australia. The other two stanzas are anonymous.

Tune: THIS IS THE DAY Irr.
Les Garrett, 1967

267 Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Acts 2:1–36; Exod. 13:18–22; Ps. 118:19–29

Janie Alford, 1979; alt.


1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of
cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
fire and flame. Help our strug-gling voic - es praise you,
help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour-ney
glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav-ior, Spir - it,
Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence
Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

Janie Alford is often described as "the Grandma Moses of hymnody." In her nineties, this retired medical secretary and Nashville, Tennessee, shop owner remained an active church worker and wrote many hymns. Nine of her texts were published in 1979.

Tune: EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL) 8.7.8.7.D.
Thomas J. Williams, 1890

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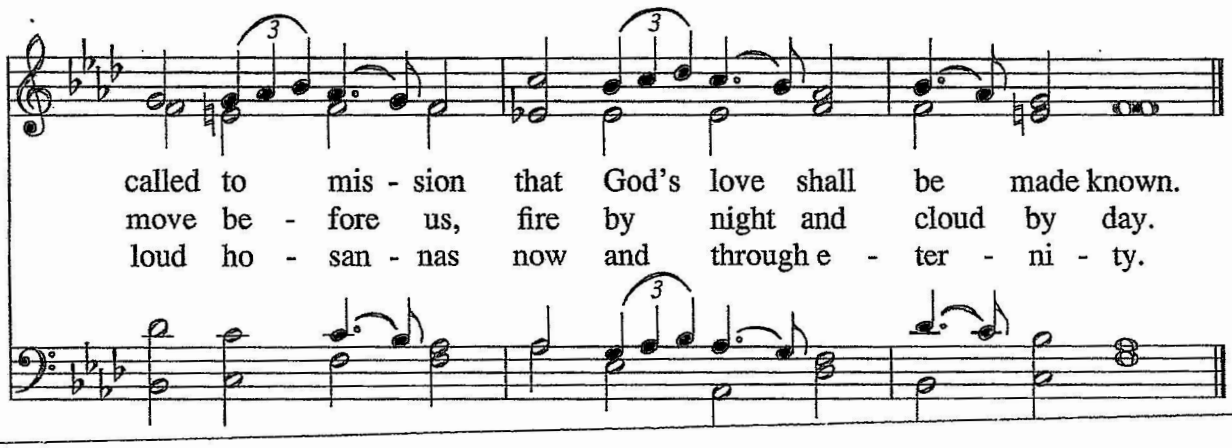
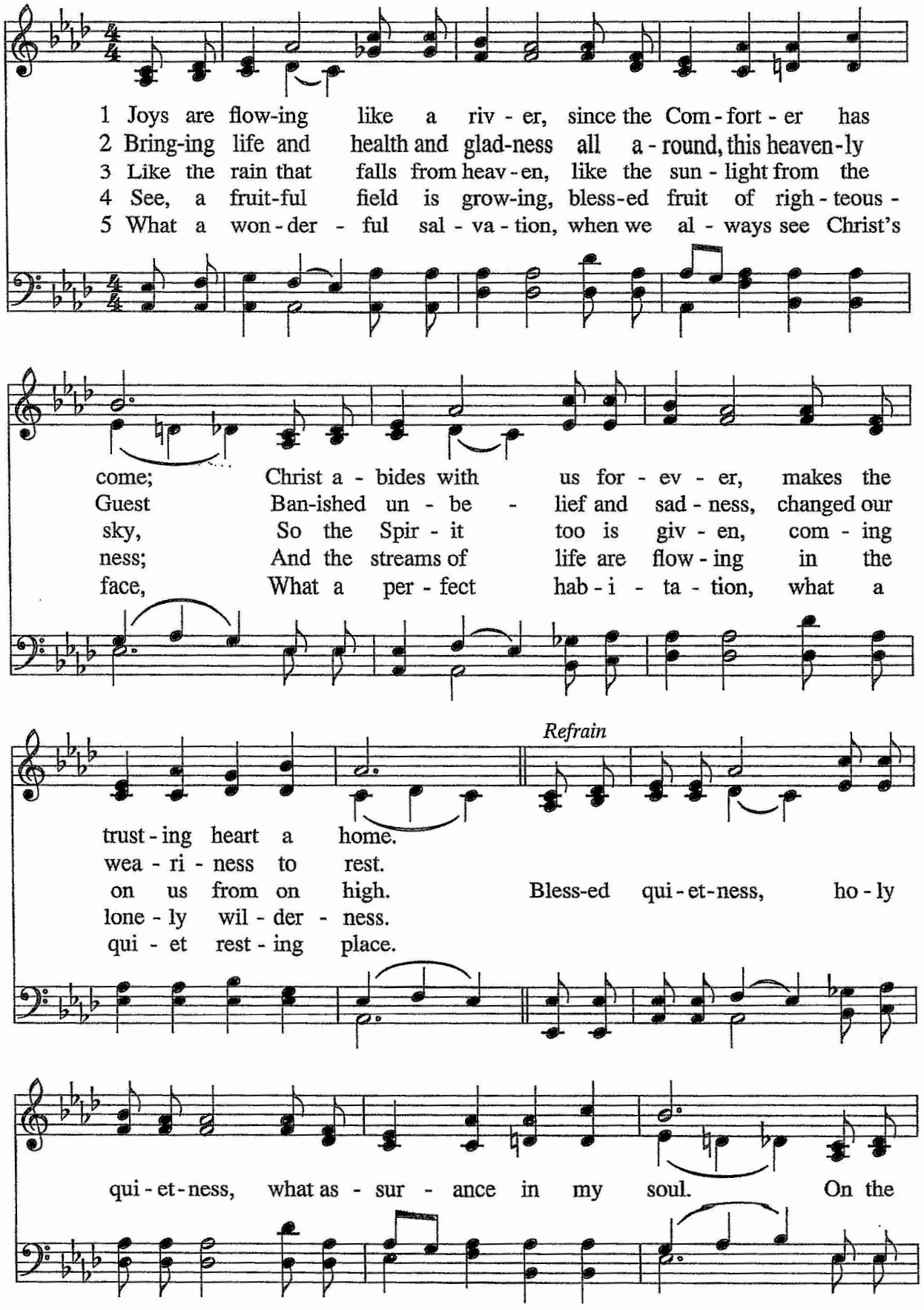
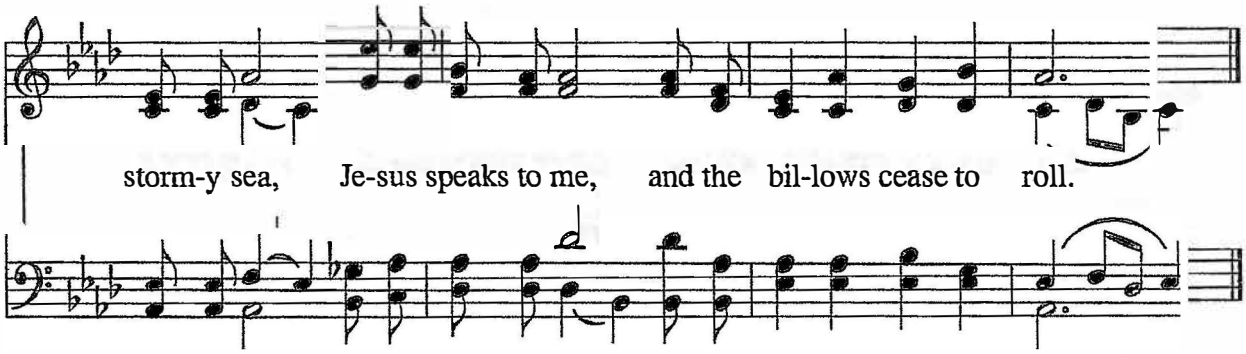

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

284 Joys Are Flowing like a River
(Blessed Quietness)

Matt. 8:26; John 14:16; Ps. 46:4

Manie Payne Ferguson (b. 1850); alt.


1 Joys are flow-ing like a riv - er, since the Com - fort - er has come; Christ a - bides with us for - ev - er, makes the
2 Bring-ing life and health and glad-ness all a - round, this heaven-ly Guest Ban-ished un - be - lief and sad - ness, changed our
3 Like the rain that falls from heav - en, like the sun - light from the sky, So the Spir - it too is giv - en, com - ing
4 See, a fruit-ful field is grow-ing, bless-ed fruit of righ - teous - ness; And the streams of life are flow - ing in the
5 What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, when we al - ways see Christ's face, What a per - fect hab - i - ta - tion, what a
Refrain
trust - ing heart a home.
wea - ri - ness to rest.
on us from on high.
lone - ly wil - der - ness.
qui - et rest - ing place.
Bless-ed qui - et-ness, ho - ly
qui - et-ness, what as - sur - ance in my soul. On the



Manie Payne Ferguson, born in Ireland, was married to a Wesleyan evangelist who established several missions on England's west coast. Ferguson's hymns were published in Echoes from Beulah.

Tune: BLESSED QUIETNESS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
W. S. Marshall
Arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981